



**Awards**

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**Mains 2025**



## Awards & Recognition Capsule for SBI Clerk Mains 2025

### Awards & Recognition of March 2025

Award Name	Award Winner	Key Notes
Icon of Excellence at the Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA 2025)	Jay Shah	<b>Jay Shah</b> , Chairman of the <b>International Cricket Council (ICC)</b> , was awarded the <b>Icon of Excellence</b> at the <b>Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA 2025)</b> for his significant contributions to <b>cricket administration</b> , introducing new ideas, and making the game more <b>inclusive</b> and <b>competitive</b> globally.
'Lifetime Achievement in Hospitality and Education Through Technology' award at the Vibrant Bharat Global Summit 2025	Dr. Suborno Bose	<b>Dr. Suborno Bose</b> , Chairman of the <b>International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM)</b> , received the 'Lifetime Achievement in Hospitality and Education Through Technology' award at the <b>Vibrant Bharat Global Summit 2025</b> . Awarded by <b>Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Shekhawat</b> , the recognition honors Dr. Bose's work in integrating <b>AI</b> and <b>technology</b> into hospitality education. His new book, <i>Harmonizing Human Touch and AI in Tourism &amp; Hospitality</i> , was also launched, highlighting <b>IIHM's AI-driven initiatives</b> like <b>NamAiste IIHM HospitalityGPT</b> .
Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	Prime Minister <b>Narendra Modi</b> received the prestigious ' <b>Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados</b> ' for his <b>strategic leadership and support during the COVID-19 pandemic</b> . <b>Union Minister Pabitra Margherita</b> accepted the award on his behalf at a ceremony in <b>Bridgetown</b> , attended by <b>Barbadian President Dame Sandra Mason, PM Mia Amor Mottley, and Foreign Minister Kerrie Symmonds</b> . This honor underscores <b>India's strong diplomatic ties with Barbados</b> and its <b>commitment to global cooperation and development</b> .
Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Airport Experience Award 2024	Delhi International Airport Limited	<b>GMR Airports Infrastructure Limited</b> announced that its subsidiary, <b>Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)</b> , has won the <b>Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Airport Experience Award 2024</b> for the <b>Best Airport Over 40 Million Passengers</b> in the <b>Asia-Pacific region</b> . This marks the <b>seventh consecutive year</b> Delhi Airport has been recognized for its excellence in <b>customer service</b> .
Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use'	Jayshree Vencatesan	<b>Jayshree Vencatesan</b> , co-founder of <b>Care Earth Trust</b> , became the first <b>Indian</b> to receive the <b>Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use'</b> , recognizing her contributions to <b>sustainable wetland management</b> . The award was announced by the <b>Ramsar Secretariat in Geneva</b> on the eve of <b>International Women's Day 2024</b> .
SKOCH Awards 2025	Muthoot Microfin	<b>Muthoot Microfin</b> , a prominent <b>microfinance institution</b> focused on empowering <b>women entrepreneurs</b> , has won two <b>Gold Awards</b> at the <b>SKOCH Awards 2025</b> . The awards highlight its exceptional contributions to <b>digital financial inclusion</b> and <b>innovative insurance solutions</b> , solidifying its position as a key player in <b>India's microfinance sector</b> .
Lifetime Achievement Award	Chiranjeevi,	<b>Chiranjeevi</b> , the veteran <b>Telugu cinema</b> superstar, was honoured with the <b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b> for his contributions to <b>Indian cinema, cultural influence, and public service</b> . The award was presented by <b>Bridge India</b> at the <b>House of Commons, UK Parliament</b> , recognising his impact on the film industry and philanthropic efforts.
Maharashtra Bhushan award	Ram Sutar	Renowned sculptor <b>Ram Sutar</b> , known for designing the <b>Statue of Unity</b> , has been honored with the <b>Maharashtra Bhushan</b> award. The decision was announced by <b>Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis</b> on <b>March 12, 2025</b> . At <b>100 years old</b> , Sutar continues to contribute to India's artistic heritage, including sculpting a statue of <b>Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar</b> for <b>Chaityabhoomi</b> .





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Knights Cross of the Order of Dannebrog by the King of Denmark	Vijay Sankar	<b>Vijay Sankar</b> , Honorary Consul General of Denmark for Southern India and Chairman of <b>The Sanmar Group</b> , has been awarded the <b>Knights Cross of the Order of Dannebrog</b> by the <b>King of Denmark</b> . This honor recognizes his contributions to <b>Indo-Danish relations</b> . The award was presented by <b>Rasmus Abildgaard Kristensen</b> , Ambassador of Denmark in India, on <b>March 18, 2025</b> in <b>Chennai</b> . The event also celebrated the <b>Sankar family's five-decade-long association</b> with Denmark's consular services.
2025 Stockholm Water Prize	Günter Blöschl	<b>Günter Blöschl</b> , a renowned <b>hydrologist</b> , has been awarded the <b>2025 Stockholm Water Prize</b> for his pioneering research in <b>flood hydrology</b> . His work in understanding <b>flood risks</b> and <b>water resource management</b> under <b>climate change</b> has significantly improved <b>global flood prediction models</b> , aiding communities in preparing for <b>extreme weather events</b> .
2024 ACM A.M. Turing Award	Andrew G. Barto and Richard S. Sutton	The <b>2024 ACM A.M. Turing Award</b> was presented to <b>Andrew G. Barto</b> and <b>Richard S. Sutton</b> for their groundbreaking work in <b>reinforcement learning (RL)</b> , which laid the foundation for AI advancements. Their key contributions include <b>temporal difference learning</b> , <b>policy-gradient methods</b> , and <b>neural network-based function representations</b> . Their influential publication, " <i>Reinforcement Learning: An Introduction</i> " (1998), has been cited over <b>75,000 times</b> . The award, often called the "Nobel Prize in Computing," carries a <b>\$1 million</b> prize, sponsored by <b>Google</b> .

**Awards & Recognition of February 2025**

**Grammy Awards 2025: Complete List of Winners, Key Highlights, and Record-Breaking Moments**

**Grammy Awards 2025:** The **67th Annual Grammy Awards** held on February 2, 2025, at the **Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles** marked a milestone in the music industry. With host Trevor Noah bringing charm and excitement to the event, the night became a celebration of musical talent across various genres. Beyoncé made history, while Kendrick Lamar dominated the evening with multiple awards, cementing his place as one of the most influential artists.

**Full List of Major Grammy Winners in 2025**

Award Category	Winner(s)
Album of the Year	Beyoncé – “Cowboy Carter”
Record of the Year	Kendrick Lamar – “Not Like Us”
Song of the Year	Kendrick Lamar – “Not Like Us”
Best New Artist	Chappell Roan
Best Pop Solo Performance	Sabrina Carpenter – “Espresso”
Best Pop Vocal Album	Sabrina Carpenter – “Short n’ Sweet”
Best Country Album	Beyoncé – “Cowboy Carter”
Best Country Duo/Group Performance	Beyoncé & Miley Cyrus – “II MOST WANTED”
Best Rap Album	J. Cole – “The Off-Season”
Best Rock Album	The Black Crowes – “Shake Your Money Maker”
Best R&B Song	Kehlani – “After Hours”
Best Dance/Electronic Performance	Justice & Tame Impala – “We Are the People”
Best Score Soundtrack	Bear McCreary – “God of War Ragnarök: Valhalla”
Dr. Dre Global Impact Award	Alicia Keys







**2025 Australian Cricket Awards**

Aspects	Details
Travis Head's Dominant Year	Scored <b>1,427 runs</b> across formats, including <b>4 centuries</b> . Excelled in Tests, ODIs, and T20Is. Played crucial innings under pressure.
Allan Border Medal Winner	<b>Travis Head</b> secured <b>208 votes</b> , finishing <b>50 votes ahead of Josh Hazlewood</b> and <b>61 votes ahead of Pat Cummins</b> .
Men's ODI Player of the Year	<b>Travis Head</b> won the award, edging past <b>Alex Carey</b> . Known for aggressive batting and anchoring key ODI innings.
Shane Warne Test Player of the Year	<b>Josh Hazlewood</b> won after taking <b>30 Test wickets</b> at an average of <b>13.17</b> . Excelled in home conditions.
Men's T20I Player of the Year	<b>Adam Zampa</b> won for his impactful leg-spin, taking key wickets in the middle overs.
Belinda Clark Award Winner	<b>Annabel Sutherland</b> won her first <b>Belinda Clark Award</b> for all-round performances across formats.
Women's Test Performances	Annabel Sutherland scored <b>210 vs. South Africa</b> and a century in the <b>Ashes Test vs. England</b> .
Women's ODI Player of the Year	<b>Ashleigh Gardner</b> won after scoring <b>385 runs</b> and taking <b>23 wickets</b> .
Women's T20I Player of the Year	<b>Beth Mooney</b> won after scoring <b>618 runs</b> at an average of <b>47.53</b> and a strike rate of <b>129.83</b> .
BBL Player of the Tournament	<b>Glenn Maxwell &amp; Cooper Connolly</b> were joint-winners for their standout performances.
WBBL Player of the Tournament	<b>Ellyse Perry &amp; Jess Jonassen</b> were joint-winners for their batting and bowling contributions.

**Sportstar Aces Awards 2025: Find Out The Winners**

The **2025 Sportstar Aces Awards** celebrated India's finest sporting talents at the Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai, on February 14, 2025. The event recognized top athletes for their remarkable performances, with hockey legend P.R. Sreejesh and shooter Manu Bhaker clinching the top honors. Notable achievements in chess, cricket, and football were also acknowledged.

**Winners List of All Category**

- Special Recognition Game Changer Award** – Jay Shah
- Best State for Promotion of Sports** – Madhya Pradesh
- Best Corporate to Promotion of Sports** – Reliance
- Best PSU for Promotion of Sports** – Railway Sport Promotion Board
- Best University for Promotion of Sports** – Kalinga Institute Industrial Technology (KIIT)
- Sports Women of the Year (Non-Olympic Sport)** – Divya Deshmukh (Chess)
- Sports Women of the Year (Para Sport)** – Avani Lekhara (Shooting)
- Club/State Team of the Year** – Mumbai Cricket Team – 2023-24 Ranji Trophy Champions
- National Team of the Year** – Indian Men's & Women's Chess Teams – Gold at 45th Chess Olympiad
- Young Achiever of Year (Male)** – Parth Manek (Shooting)
- Young Achiever of Year (Female)** – Neha Sangwan (Wrestling)
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Male)** – Gurbux Singh (Hockey)
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Female)** – Mary D'Souza Sequeira (Hockey)
- Super Achievers Para Athletes** – Avani Lekhara (Shooting), Navdeep Singh (Para-Athletics), Harvinder Singh (Para-Archery)
- Sportsman of the Year (Olympic Sport)** – Swapnil Kusale and Sarabjot Singh (Shooting)
- Inspirational Icon Award** – PV Sindhu (Badminton)
- Coach of the Year** – Jaspal Rana (Shooting)
- Sportstar of the Year (Female)** – Manu Bhaker (Shooting)
- Sport Women of the Year (Olympic Sport)** – Manu Bhaker (Shooting)
- Sportstar of the Year (Male)** – PR Sreejesh (Hockey)

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**BAFTA Awards 2025: Full Winners List Unveiled!**

The **78th BAFTA Awards** celebrated the finest achievements in cinema, with *Conclave* and *The Brutalist* emerging as the biggest winners of the night, each securing four awards. The French musical crime drama *Emilia Pérez* continued its dominance, winning Best Film Not in the English Language, beating Payal Kapadia’s *All We Imagine As Light*, marking its third major loss to *Emilia Pérez* this year. Meanwhile, director Brady Corbet (*The Brutalist*) and lead actor Adrien Brody (*The Brutalist*) secured top honors. The awards also saw *Dune: Part Two* winning in technical categories, while *Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl* took home Best Animated Film.

**Winners list in the Table**

Category	Winners Name
Best Film	Conclave
Best Director	Brady Corbet ( <i>The Brutalist</i> )
Best Actor in a Leading Role	Adrien Brody ( <i>The Brutalist</i> )
Best Actress in a Leading Role	Mikey Madison ( <i>Anora</i> )
Best Actor in a Supporting Role	Kieran Culkin ( <i>A Real Pain</i> )
Best Actress in a Supporting Role	Zoe Saldaña ( <i>Emilia Pérez</i> )
Best Original Screenplay	Jesse Eisenberg ( <i>A Real Pain</i> )
Best Adapted Screenplay	Peter Straughan ( <i>Conclave</i> )
Best Animated Film	<i>Wallace &amp; Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl</i>
Best Documentary	<i>Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story</i>
Best Film Not in the English Language	<i>Emilia Pérez</i>
Best Casting Anora	(Sean Baker and Samantha Quan)
Best Cinematography	<i>The Brutalist</i> (Lol Crawley)
Best Costume Design	<i>Wicked</i> (Paul Tazewell)
Best Editing	<i>Conclave</i> (Nick Emerson)
Best Makeup & Hair	<i>The Substance</i>
Best Original Score	<i>The Brutalist</i> (Daniel Blumberg)
Best Production Design	<i>Wicked</i>
Best Sound	<i>Dune: Part Two</i>
Best Special Visual Effects	<i>Dune: Part Two</i>
Outstanding British Film	<i>Conclave</i>
Outstanding British Debut	<i>Kneecap</i> (Rich Peppiatt)
Best British Short Animation	<i>Wander to Wonder</i>
Best British Short Film	<i>Rock, Paper, Scissors</i>
Best Children’s & Family Film	<i>Wallace &amp; Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl</i>
EE Rising Star Award	David Jonsson

**Awards in Arts & Culture / Films**

Award Name	Award Winner	Key Notes
Grammy Award for Best New Age, Ambient, or Chant Album for her project ‘Triveni’	Chandrika Tandon	<b>Chandrika Tandon</b> , an Indian-American musician, won the <b>Grammy Award for Best New Age, Ambient, or Chant Album</b> for her project ‘ <b>Triveni</b> ’, created with <b>Wouter Kellerman</b> and <b>Eru Matsumoto</b> . The award was presented at the <b>67th Grammy Awards</b> on <b>February 2, 2025</b> , in <b>Los Angeles</b> . Tandon, known for blending <b>ancient mantras</b> with modern music, expressed gratitude, emphasizing the album's focus on <b>peace and healing</b> .





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'CA in Public Service' Award from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)	Deepak Kumar Kedia	Deepak Kumar Kedia, Inspector General at NSG, received the 'CA in Public Service' Award from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on February 1, 2025. The award recognizes his contributions to public service, especially in law enforcement and national security. Kedia, known as the 'CA in Uniform', has made significant impacts in counter-terrorism and national security.
Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 in Dogri	Chaman Arora	For his book <b>Ik Hor Ashwthama</b> , a collection of short stories. The book was unanimously selected by a three-member jury. The award will be presented to his family or nominee at a ceremony in New Delhi on March 8, 2025.
NETPAC Award	Varsha Bharath's	Varsha Bharath's directorial debut, <b>Bad Girl</b> , has won the prestigious NETPAC Award at the International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) 2025. Presented by Anurag Kashyap and Vetrimaaran, the film initially faced mixed reactions due to its bold themes but has now gained critical recognition. This win places <b>Bad Girl</b> alongside notable Indian films like <b>Nasir</b> (2019), <b>Naukar ki Kameez</b> (1999), and <b>Vidheyan</b> (1995), all previous recipients of the award.
Grande Médaille the highest honor from the Aero-Club de France	Tom Cruise	In recognition of his contributions to aviation and his inspiration to future pilots. The award, presented by Catherine Maunoury, highlights Cruise's passion for flying, performing his own stunts, and incorporating aviation in films like <b>Top Gun: Maverick</b> and <b>Mission: Impossible</b> .
Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema' award at IIFA 2025	Rakesh Roshan	Rakesh Roshan will receive the 'Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema' award at IIFA 2025 for his significant contributions as a director, producer, and actor. The award will be presented during IIFA's 25th anniversary celebrations on March 8-9, 2025, in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025	NTPC Ltd	NTPC Ltd., India's largest power utility, won the Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025 in the Water Resilience category. Presented by the UN Global Compact Network India in Chennai on February 13, 2025, this award highlights NTPC's dedication to sustainable water management, conservation, and environmental stewardship.
Nita Ambani		Nita Ambani, Founder and Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, has been awarded the Governor of Massachusetts' Citation for her significant contributions to education, healthcare, sports, arts, culture, and women's empowerment. This recognition acknowledges her leadership in philanthropy and her positive societal impact in India and beyond.
Nagaland Forest Management Project		The Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) won the SKOCH Award 2024 for its contributions to national development. Presented at the 100th SKOCH Summit in New Delhi, the award was accepted by Ango Konyak and Wennyei Konyak. The project, supported by JICA, focuses on improving forest ecosystems, rehabilitating jhum areas, and promoting sustainable livelihoods.

**Awards & Recognition of January 2025**

**ICC Awards 2024**

- **ICC Emerging Women's Cricketer of the Year:** Annerie Dercksen (South Africa) – Recognized for exceptional rise in Women's cricket with consistent performances.
- **ICC Emerging Men's Cricketer of the Year:** Kamindu Mendis (Sri Lanka) – Young all-rounder showcasing impressive talent.
- **ICC Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year:** Esha Oza (UAE) – Outstanding contributions in Women's Associate cricket.
- **ICC Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year:** Gerhard Erasmus (Namibia) – Continued brilliance as a key player for Namibia.
- **Umpire of the Year:** Richard Illingworth – Acknowledged for excellence and consistency in officiating.
- **ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year:** Melie Kerr (New Zealand) – Consistent performer with both bat and ball.
- **ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year:** Arshdeep Singh (India) – Known for lethal pace and accuracy in death overs.





- **ICC Women's T20I Team of the Year:** Captain: Laura Wolvaardt, Smriti Mandhana, Chamari Athapaththu, Hayley Matthews, Nat Sciver-Brunt, Melie Kerr, Richa Ghosh, Marizanne Kapp, Orla Prendergast, Deepti Sharma, Sadia Iqbal.
- **ICC Men's T20I Team of the Year:** Captain: Rohit Sharma, Travis Head, Phil Salt, Babar Azam, Nicholas Pooran, Sikandar Raza, Hardik Pandya, Rashid Khan, Wanindu Hasaranga, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh.
- **ICC Men's Test Team of the Year:** Captain: Pat Cummins, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Ben Duckett, Kane Williamson, Joe Root, Harry Brook, Kamindu Mendis, Jamie Smith, Ravindra Jadeja, Matt Henry, Jasprit Bumrah.
- **ICC Women's ODI Team of the Year:** Captain: Laura Wolvaardt, Smriti Mandhana, Chamari Athapaththu, Hayley Matthews, Marizanne Kapp, Ashleigh Gardner, Annabel Sutherland, Amy Jones, Deepti Sharma, Sophie Ecclestone, Kate Cross.
- **ICC Men's ODI Team of the Year:** Captain: Charith Asalanka, Saim Ayub, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis, Sherfane Rutherford, Azmatullah Omarzai, Wanindu Hasaranga, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Haris Rauf, AM Ghazanfar.
- **ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year:** Smriti Mandhana (India) – Key contributions in India's success in various series.
- **ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year:** Azmatullah Omarzai (Afghanistan) – Elevated Afghanistan's cricketing stature with exceptional performances.
- **ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year:** Jasprit Bumrah (India) – Exceptional performance, solidifying his status as a top Test bowler.
- **ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year:** Melie Kerr (New Zealand) – Key player in New Zealand's first T20 World Cup win.
- **ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year:** Jasprit Bumrah (India) – Outstanding performances across all formats.

### BCCI Awards 2024: Honoring Cricket Legends and Rising Stars

#### BCCI Awards 2025 winners list

- **Col. C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award - Men:** Sachin Tendulkar
- **Polly Umrigar Award - Best International Cricketer - Men:** Jasprit Bumrah
- **Best International Cricketer - Women:** Smriti Mandhana
- **Best International Debut - Men:** Sarfaraz Khan
- **Best International Debut - Women:** Asha Sobhana
- **BCCI Special Award:** Ravichandran Ashwin
- **Highest Run-Getter in ODIs - Women:** Smriti Mandhana
- **Highest Wicket-Taker in ODIs - Women:** Deepti Sharma
- **Best Umpire In Domestic Cricket:** Akshay Totre
- **M.A. Chidambaram Trophy - Highest Run-Getter in U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy:** Kavya Teotia
- **M.A. Chidambaram Trophy - Highest Wicket-Taker in U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy:** Vishnu Bhardwaj
- **Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy - Best Woman Cricketer Senior Domestic:** Priya Mishra
- **Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy - Best Woman Cricketer Junior Domestic:** Ishwari Awasare
- **Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy - Highest Wicket-Taker in U-16 Vijay Merchant Trophy:** Hemchudeshan Jeganathan
- **Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy - Highest Run Getter in U-16 Vijay Merchant Trophy:** Lakshya Raichandani
- **MA Chidambaram Trophy - Highest Wicket-Taker in U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy (Plate Group):** Neizekho Rupreo
- **MA Chidambaram Trophy - Highest Run Getter in U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy (Plate Group):** Hem Chetri
- **MA Chidambaram Trophy - Highest Wicket-Taker in U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy (Elite Group):** P Vidyuth
- **MA Chidambaram Trophy - Highest Run Getter in U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy (Elite Group):** Aneesh KV
- **Madhavrao Scindia Award - Highest Wicket-Taker in Ranji Trophy (Plate Group):** Mohit Jangra
- **Madhavrao Scindia Award - Highest Wicket-Taker in Ranji Trophy (Elite Group):** Tanay Thyagarajan
- **Madhavrao Scindia Award - Highest Run Getter in Ranji Trophy (Plate Group):** Agni Chopra
- **Madhavrao Scindia Award - Highest Run Getter in Ranji Trophy (Elite Group):** Ricky Bhui from Andhra Pradesh was the winner.
- **Lala Amarnath Award for the Best All-Rounder in Domestic Limited-Overs Competitions:** Shashank Singh from Chhattisgarh received this medal.
- **Lala Amarnath Award for the Best All-Rounder in Ranji Trophy:** Tanush Kotian
- **Best Performance in BCCI Domestic Tournaments:** Mumbai





**82nd Annual Golden Globe Awards (2025)**

**Awards in Arts & Culture / Films**

- **Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture — Drama:** Adrien Brody, “The Brutalist”
- **Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture — Drama:** Fernanda Torres, “I’m Still Here”
- **Best Motion Picture — Drama:** “The Brutalist”
- **Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in any Motion Picture:** Zoe Saldaña, “Emilia Pérez”
- **Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in Any Motion Picture:** Kieran Culkin, “A Real Pain”
- **Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series — Musical or Comedy:** Jean Smart, “Hacks”
- **Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series — Drama:** Hiroyuki Sanada, “Shōgun”
- **Best Screenplay — Motion Picture:** Peter Straughan, “Conclave”
- **Best Original Song — Motion Picture:** “El Mal,” by Clément Ducol, Camille, and Jacques Audiard (from “Emilia Pérez”)
- **Best Motion Picture — Non-English Language:** “Emilia Pérez”
- **Best Director — Motion Picture:** Brady Corbet, “The Brutalist”
- **Best Motion Picture — Animated:** “Flow”
- **Best Television Series — Drama:** “Shōgun”
- **Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series — Musical or Comedy:** Jeremy Allen White, “The Bear”
- **Best Television Series — Comedy or Musical:** “Hacks”
- **Best Performance by an Actress in a Limited Series, Anthology Series or Motion Picture Made for Television:** Jodie Foster, “True Detective: Night Country”
- **Best Television Limited Series, Anthology Series or Motion Picture Made for Television:** “Baby Reindeer”
- **Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Television Series:** Jessica Gunning, “Baby Reindeer”
- **Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Television Series:** Tadanobu Asano, “Shōgun”
- **Best Performance in Stand-Up Comedy on Television:** Ali Wong, “Single Lady”
- **Best Cinematic and Box Office Achievement:** “Wicked”
- **Best Original Score — Motion Picture:** Trent Reznor, Atticus Ross, “Challengers”

**Other Important Awards**

Award Name	Award Winner	Key Notes
Electronic Media Award	Doordarshan	Recognized for "Chunav Ka Parv Desh Ka Garv" during Lok Sabha Elections 2024; award presented by President Droupadi Murmu.
Padma Shri	Hariman Sharma	Honored for developing the HRMN-99 apple variety, which thrives in tropical and subtropical regions.
Academy Award Nomination	<i>Anuja</i> (Short Film)	Nominated for Best Live Action Short Film at the 97th Academy Awards; produced by Priyanka Chopra and Guneet Monga.
Maharaja Hari Singh Award	Manoj Sinha	Recognized for contributions to reforms and planning in Jammu & Kashmir; ceremony held in Jammu.
Great Place to Work Certification	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	Re-certified as a ‘Great Place to Work’ for January 2025 to January 2026; recognition for positive work environment, trust, and employee empowerment.
Gangadhar National Award for Poetry 2023	Prativa Satpathy	Awarded on January 5, 2025; includes ₹1,00,000 prize, citation, and shawl; honors excellence in poetry.
Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award 2025	Sai Paranjpye	Awarded at AIFF 2025 for contribution to Indian parallel cinema; includes films like <i>Sparsh</i> , <i>Chashme Buddoor</i> , and <i>Katha</i> .
Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award	Aparna Sen	The <b>West Bengal Film Journalists Association (WBFJA)</b> hosted its annual awards on <b>January 13, 2025</b> , at <b>Priya Cinema, Kolkata</b> . The event celebrated <b>Bengali cinema</b> with awards in categories like <b>Best Film</b> , <b>Best Actor</b> , and <b>Best Director</b> , and paid tribute to <b>Raj Kapoor</b> on his <b>birth centenary</b> with a thematic tribute to the <b>circus industry</b> .







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<b>RK Srikantan Trust Award</b>	<b>T.V. Gopalakrishnan</b>	. A versatile artist, he excels in <b>Carnatic</b> and <b>Hindustani vocals, mridangam,</b> and <b>violin,</b> earning prestigious awards like the <b>Padma Bhushan (2012)</b> and <b>Sangeetha Kalanidhi (2014).</b>
Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025	<b>Professor Urbasi Sinha</b>	<b>Professor Urbasi Sinha,</b> a distinguished faculty member in the <b>Light and Matter Physics theme</b> at the <b>Raman Research Institute (RRI),</b> has been awarded the prestigious Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025 by the <b>Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation at Cambridge, UK.</b>
<b>Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2025</b>	Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services ( <b>INCOIS</b> ) in <b>Hyderabad</b>	The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services ( <b>INCOIS</b> ) in <b>Hyderabad</b> has been selected for the <b>Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2025</b> in the Institutional Category, recognizing its exceptional contributions to disaster management.
<b>Crystal Awards</b>	<b>David Beckham, Diane von Furstenberg, and Riken Yamamoto</b>	The <b>55th World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting</b> commenced in <b>Davos, Switzerland,</b> with the presentation of the prestigious <b>Crystal Awards</b> to three distinguished individuals: <b>David Beckham, Diane von Furstenberg, and Riken Yamamoto.</b> These awards recognize their significant contributions to social, environmental, and creative progress worldwide.

## Awards & Recognition of December 2024

### National Panchayat Awards 2024: Celebrating Rural Governance and Sustainable Development

The **National Panchayat Awards 2024** marked a significant moment in India's rural development landscape, honoring 45 exceptional **Panchayats** for their remarkable contributions to sustainable and inclusive growth. Held on December 11, 2024, at **Vigyan Bhawan** in New Delhi, the prestigious event was graced by the **Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu,** and the **Union Minister of Panchayati Raj, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh** alias Lalan Singh.

#### Historical Context and Significance

##### Constitutional Foundations

The awards commemorate the **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act of 1992,** which granted constitutional status to Panchayats as institutions of local self-governance. Traditionally celebrated on April 24th, the 2024 ceremony was rescheduled due to the **General Elections to the Lok Sabha.**

##### Scale and Participation

In a testament to grassroots democratic participation, **1.94 lakh Gram Panchayats** competed in this year's awards. Notably, **42% of the 42 award-winning Panchayats** were led by women, highlighting the growing role of female leadership in rural governance.

Award Categories: Recognizing Comprehensive Rural Development

#### 1. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP)

This category recognized excellence across nine **Localization of Sustainable Development Goal (LSDG)** thematic areas. **27 Gram Panchayats** from diverse states including Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, and others were honored for their exceptional performance in:

- Poverty alleviation
- Health
- Education
- Water conservation
- Sanitation
- Infrastructure development
- Social justice
- Good governance

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## 2. Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar

**Nine Panchayats** were conferred with this prestigious award for their holistic approach to implementing sustainable development goals across all themes.

## 3. Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar

Recognizing innovation in renewable energy, Panchayats from **Maharashtra, Odisha, and Tripura** were awarded for their remarkable contributions to sustainable energy practices.

## 4. Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar

Highlighting environmental sustainability, Gram Panchayats from **Maharashtra, Odisha, and Uttar Pradesh** were honoured for their efforts in achieving net-zero carbon emissions.

## 5. Panchayat Kshamta Nirmaan Sarvottam Sansthan Puraskar

Institutions from **Kerala, Maharashtra, and Odisha** were recognized for providing exceptional support to Panchayats in implementing Localization of Sustainable Development Goals.

### Financial Recognition and Support

A total of **46 crore rupees** in prize money was distributed to 45 awardees, with funds directly transferred to their accounts. This financial recognition aims to motivate and support rural governance initiatives.

### Key Publications and Documentation

A significant highlight was the unveiling of a booklet titled '**Best Practices on Works of Awardee Panchayats**', documenting the innovative practices of award-winning Panchayats and serving as a knowledge repository for other rural governance institutions.

## Indian Heritage Conservation Projects Shine at UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards 2024

Two Indian heritage conservation projects—the **Abathsayeswarar Temple Conservation Project** in Tamil Nadu and the **BJPCI Conservation Project** in Maharashtra—have garnered global recognition by winning the **UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2024**. These projects, celebrated for their commitment to preserving India's cultural legacy, were among the eight winners selected from the Asia-Pacific region.

The awards, announced by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)** on **6 December 2024** at its regional office in Bangkok, Thailand, spotlight the efforts of individuals and organisations dedicated to restoring and conserving heritage sites across the region.

### Abathsayeswarar Temple Conservation Project

- The **Abathsayeswarar Temple Conservation Project** in **Thukkatchi, Tamil Nadu**, received the **Award of Distinction**, recognizing its exemplary efforts to safeguard a historic cultural treasure.
- **Temple Overview**
- The **Abathsayeswarar Temple**, dedicated to **Lord Dakshinamurthy (a form of Lord Shiva)**, is a revered religious site located in **Thukkatchi village** in the **Thiruvarur District of Tamil Nadu**. The temple holds historical and spiritual significance, as it is mentioned in the **7th-century Tamil Saivite text 'Thevaram'** and is one of the **Paadal Petra Sthalams** (sacred places glorified in Tamil Shaivite literature).

### Award-Winning Conservation Efforts

- The conservation project was lauded for its innovative use of **modern engineering expertise** alongside the **traditional knowledge of Hindu temple builders, known as sthapathis**, to ensure the **structural conservation** of the temple. This harmonious blend of traditional and modern techniques exemplifies a sustainable approach to heritage preservation, earning the temple the **UNESCO Award of Distinction**.

### BJPCI Conservation Project

- The **BJPCI Conservation Project** in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**, was honored with the **Award of Merit** for its restoration work on a historic educational institution.




**Filmfare OTT Awards 2024 Celebrating Digital Excellence**

Category	Award	Winner	
<b>Series Category</b>	Best Series	The Railway Men	
	Best Director Series	Sameer Saxena and Amit Golani (Kaala Paani)	
	Best Actor, Series (Male): Comedy	Rajkumar Rao (Guns & Gulaabs)	
	Best Actor, Series (Male): Drama	Gagan Dev Riar (Scam 2003 – The Telgi Story)	
	Best Actor, Series (Female): Comedy	Geetanjali Kulkarni (Gullak Season 4)	
	Best Actor, Series (Female): Drama	Manisha Koirala (Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar)	
	Best Supporting Actor, Series (Female): Comedy	Nidhi Bisht (Maamla Legal Hai)	
	Best Supporting Actor, Series (Female): Drama	Mona Singh (Made In Heaven Season 2)	
	Best Original Story, Series	Biswapati Sarkar (Kaala Paani)	
	Best Comedy (Series/Specials)	Maamla Legal Hai	
	Best (Non-Fiction) Original (Series/Special)	The Hunt For Veerappan	
	Best Dialogue, Series	Sumita Arora (Guns & Gulaabs)	
	Best Production Design, Series	Subrata Chakraborty and Amit Ray (Heeramandi: The Diamond Bazaar)	
	Best Debut Director, Series	Shiv Rawail (The Railway Men)	
	<b>Films Category</b>	Best Film, Web Original	Amar Singh Chamkila
		Best Director, Web Original Film	Imtiaz Ali (Amar Singh Chamkila)
		Best Actor, Web Original Film (Male)	Diljit Dosanjh (Amar Singh Chamkila)
Best Actor, Web Original Film (Female)		Kareena Kapoor (Jaane Jaan)	
Best Supporting Actor, Web Original Film (Male)		Jaideep Ahlawat (Maharaj)	
Best Supporting Actor, Web Original Film (Female)		Wamiqa Gabbi (Khufiya)	
Best Dialogue (Web Original Film)		Imtiaz Ali and Sajid Ali (Amar Singh Chamkila)	
Best Cinematographer (Web Original Film)		Sylvester Fonseca (Amar Singh Chamkila)	
Best Production Design (Web Original Film)		Suzanne Caplan Merwanji (The Archies)	
Best Editing (Web Original Film)		Aarti Bajaj (Amar Singh Chamkila)	
Best Background Music (Web Original Film)		A R RAHMAN (Amar Singh Chamkila)	
Best Story (Web Original Film)		Zoya Akhtar, Arjun Varain Singh, Reema Kagti (Kho Gaye Hum Kahan)	
Best Music Album, Film		A R RAHMAN (Amar Singh Chamkila)	
Best Debut Director, Film		Arjun Varain Singh (Kho Gaye Hum Kahan)	
Best Debut Male, Film		Vedang Raina	
<b>Critics Category</b>		Best Series, Critics	Guns & Gulaabs
		Best Director, Critics	Mumbai Diaries Season 2
	Best Actor, Series (Male), Critics: Drama	Kay Kay Menon (Bambai Meri Jaan)	
	Best Actor, Series (Female), Critics: Drama	Huma Qureshi (Maharani S03)	
	Best Film, Critics	Jaane Jaan	
	Best Actor (Male), Critics – Film	Jaideep Ahlawat	
	Best Actor (Female), Critics – Film	Ananya Panday	
	Special Recognition	Arjun Varain Singh (Kho Gaye Hum Kahan)	





**Other Important Awards**

Award Name	Award Winner	Field	Key Notes
Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024	Maria Victoria Juan	Nursing	<b>Maria Victoria Juan</b> , a nurse from the <b>Philippine Army Health Services</b> , has been awarded the <b>Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024</b> for her exceptional contributions to healthcare. Recognized for her dedication and resilience, she was honored for transforming the healthcare landscape, particularly within the <b>Armed Forces of the Philippines</b> .
ISSA Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific 2024	India		<b>EPFO</b> also received <b>five Certificates of Merit</b> for enhancing <b>service delivery, communication, and inclusivity</b> in social security. The awards were presented by <b>Dr. Mohammed Azman</b> at the <b>Regional Social Security Forum</b> in <b>Riyadh, Saudi Arabia</b> .
Golden Globe Nomination	Payal Kapadia	Film Direction	Payal Kapadia made history as the first Indian director to receive a Golden Globe nomination for Best Director (Motion Picture). Her film <i>All We Imagine As Light</i> was also nominated for Best Motion Picture (Non-English Language).
Rising Star Women Leaders of Banking 2024	Bharati Kolli	Banking and Data Management	Bharati Kolli, from Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, was honored for her exceptional contributions to data management. She serves as the Director of the Data Management Office at ICBC, New York.
JC Daniel Award 2023	Shaji N Karun	Malayalam Cinema	Veteran filmmaker Shaji N Karun was recognized for his lifetime contributions to Malayalam cinema. The award includes Rs 5 lakh, a citation, and a statuette.
PSU Transformation Awards 2024	Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)	Shipbuilding and Innovation	HSL won two awards for its innovation and technological advancements in shipbuilding and ship repair, underscoring its leadership in the maritime sector.
DGA Lifetime Achievement Award 2025	Ang Lee	Film Direction	Ang Lee was honored for his groundbreaking storytelling and versatility across genres. His career spans over three decades, earning two Academy Awards and inspiring filmmakers worldwide.
Turner Prize 2024	Jasleen Kaur	Artist	<b>Jasleen Kaur</b> , a Glasgow-born Scottish Sikh artist, won the <b>Turner Prize 2024</b> for her solo exhibition <b>Alter Altar</b> at <b>Tate Britain</b> . The exhibition combines <b>sculpture, sound, and music</b> to explore <b>community, cultural inheritance, and anti-colonial struggles</b> .
Transforming Society Short Film Award	The Kumbaya Story	Sustainability Storytelling	India's <i>The Kumbaya Story</i> won this award at the 13th tve Global Sustainability Film Awards, showcasing women's empowerment through weaving, produced by Kumbaya Producer Co. Ltd.

**Awards & Recognition of November 2024**

**Rodri Clinches Men's Ballon d'Or 2024 and Bonmati Wins it for Spain**

- **Men's Ballon d'Or: Rodri** (Spain / Manchester City) – Key role in **Premier League** win, **Euro 2024** Player of the Tournament.
- **Women's Ballon d'Or: Aitana Bonmatí** (Spain / Barcelona) – Helped **Barcelona** win **Spanish league & cup**, second consecutive Ballon d'Or for women.
- **Kopa Trophy: Lamine Yamal** (Spain / Barcelona).
- **Yashin Trophy (Best Goalkeeper): Emiliano Martínez** (Argentina / Aston Villa).
- **Gerd Müller Trophy: Kylian Mbappé** (France / PSG/Real Madrid), **Harry Kane** (England / Bayern Munich).
- **Men's Coach of the Year: Carlo Ancelotti** (Italy / Real Madrid).
- **Women's Coach of the Year: Emma Hayes** (USA / Chelsea).
- **Men's Club of the Year: Real Madrid.**
- **Women's Club of the Year: FC Barcelona.**
- **Socrates Award: Jenni Hermoso** (Spain / Tigres UANL) – Recognized for **humanitarian work**.
- **Awarding Body: Ballon d'Or** by **France Football**, partnered with **UEFA** this year.
- **Most Winner: Lionel Messi** with **8 Ballon d'Or** wins.






**Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar recipients for 2022 and 2023**

Year	Field of Activity	Name	Specialization		
2022	Music	Samit Mallick	Hindustani Vocal		
		Samarth Janve	Hindustani Vocal		
		Sangeet Mishra	Hindustani Instrumental – Sarangi		
		Partho Roy Choudhury	Hindustani Instrumental – Santoor		
		K. Gayatri	Carnatic Vocal		
		I. Sweta Prasad	Carnatic Vocal		
		B. Anantha Krishnan	Carnatic Instrumental – Violin		
		Sahana S.V	Carnatic Instrumental – Veena		
		Manoj Rai	Creative & Experimental Music		
		Nandini Rao Gujar	Other Major Traditions of Music (Sugam Sangeet)		
Dance	Dance	Mandakranta Roy	Bharatanatyam		
		Kadam Parikh	Kathak		
		Urmika Maibam	Manipuri		
		T. Reddi Lakshmi	Kuchipudi		
		Arupa Gayatri Panda	Odissi		
		Dimpee Baishya	Sattriya		
		Akshara M Das	Mohiniattam		
		Pradyumna Kumar Mohanta	Chhau		
		Mingma D. Lepcha	Creative & Experimental Dance		
		Aparna Nangiar	Nangiarkoothu		
Theatre	Theatre	Beluru Raghunandan	Playwriting		
		Ifra Mushtaq Kak	Direction		
		Harishankar Ravi	Direction		
		Harwinder Singh	Acting		
		Kumar Ravikant	Acting		
		Siddhi Upadhye	Acting		
		Mukunda Nath	Mime		
		Sangeet Shrivastava	Allied Theatre Arts – Lighting		
		Traditional / Folk / Tribal and Puppetry	Traditional / Folk / Tribal and Puppetry	Lata Tiwari & Sanjay Datt Panday	Folk Music & Dance (Uttarakhand)
				Chow Saratham Namchoom	Folk Music (Arunachal Pradesh)
Sampriya Pooja	Folk Music & Dance (Chhattisgarh)				
Suryawanshi Pramila Kautikrao	Folk Dance Lavani (Maharashtra)				
Kumar Uday Singh	Folk Dance (Bihar)				
Nasarullah EPI	Folk Dance (Lakshadweep)				
Binita Devi	Puppetry (Assam)				
Mahesh Aba Satarkar	Folk Dance (Goa)				
Vasava Mukeshbhai M.	Folk Dance (Gujarat)				
Gulzar Ahmad Bhat	Folk Dance (Jammu & Kashmir)				
Moirangthem Kendra Singh	Nata Sankirtan (Manipur)				
Overall Contribution	Overall Contribution	Anuthama Murali	Overall Contribution in Performing Arts		





Year	Field of Activity	Name	Specialization	
2023	Music	Anuja Zokarkar	Hindustani Vocal	
		Monika Soni	Hindustani Vocal	
		Rishi Shankar Upadhyay	Hindustani Instrumental – Pakhawaj	
		Sarang Rajan Kulkarni	Hindustani Instrumental – Sarod	
		S. R. Vinay Sharva	Carnatic Vocal	
		Ramakrishnan Murthy	Carnatic Vocal	
		Akshay Anantapadmanabhan	Carnatic Instrumental – Mridangam	
		Saikhom Pinky Devi	Creative & Experimental Music	
		Satyavathi Mudavath	Creative & Experimental Music	
		Nagesh Shankarrao Adgaonkar	Other Major Traditions of Music (Abhang)	
		Dance	Apoorva Jayaraman	Bharatanatyam
			Meghranjani Medhi	Kathak
Kalamandalam Vipin Sankar	Kathakali			
Pukhrambam Reepa Devi	Manipuri			
Muramalla Surendra Nadh	Kuchipudi			
Debasis Pattnaik	Odissi			
Mukunda Saikia Barbayan	Sattriya			
Vidya Pradeep	Mohiniattam			
Sunita Mahato	Chhau			
Venkateshwaran Kuppuswamy	Music for Dance			
Theatre	Priyadarshini Mishra		Playwriting	
	Bendang Walling		Direction	
	Suvojit Bandyopadhyay	Direction		
	Rutuja Rajan Bagwe	Acting		
	Vipan Kumar	Acting		
	Shruti Singh	Acting		
	Mallikarjuna Rao Bachala	Allied Theatre Arts – Make-up		
	Puneet Dimari & Amit Khanduri	Ramleela (Uttarakhand)		
	Traditional / Folk / Tribal and Pupperty	Angadi Bhaskar	Dappalu (Telangana)	
		Alok Bishoyi	Folk Dance & Music (Odisha)	
		M. Prakash	Folk Dance (Puducherry)	
		Padma Dolker	Folk Music & Dance (Ladakh)	
Sukhram Pahan		Folk Music (Jharkhand)		
Yusuf Khan Mewati Jogi		Folk Music (Rajasthan)		
Kalamandalam Ravisankar T S		Folk Instrument (Chenda, Kerala)		
Dixit Kushal Manvantray		Folk Dance (Gujarat)		
Priyanka Shakti Thakur		Traditional Music (Maharashtra)		
Anureet Pal Kaur		Folk Music (Punjab)		
Charu Sharma		Folk Music (Himachal Pradesh)		
Overall Contribution		Laxminarayan Jena	Overall Contribution in Performing Arts	





**55th International Film Festival of India**

Aspect	Details
<b>Why in News</b>	The 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is set to open in Panaji, Goa, showcasing diverse global cinema and celebrating India's evolving role in international film.
<b>Theme of IFFI 2024</b>	Young Filmmakers – The Future is Now
<b>Location</b>	Panaji, Goa, India
<b>Established</b>	1952, with Goa as its permanent venue since 2004
<b>Organizers</b>	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (India), National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), and the Entertainment Society of Goa
<b>– Film Lineup</b>	Features films across 16 curated segments, including 25 Feature Films and 20 Non-Feature Films in the Indian Panorama. "Swatantrya Veer Savarkar" (Hindi) will open the feature segment, while "Ghar Jaisa Kuch" (Ladakhi) will open the non-feature segment.
<b>– New Award Category</b>	Introduction of "Best Debut Director of Indian Feature Film," recognizing five debut films representing India's cultural diversity
<b>– Centenary Tributes</b>	Honoring legends Raj Kapoor, Tapan Sinha, Akkineni Nageswara Rao, and Mohammed Rafi with restored classic films and a special presentation
<b>Country of Focus</b>	<b>Australia</b> – Showcasing seven Australian films across genres, supported by the India-Australia Audio-Visual Co-Production Treaty
<b>Workshops &amp; Events</b>	Masterclasses, discussions, and the <b>IFFI Red Carpet</b> event featuring actors, directors, and industry experts. Includes "Creative Minds of Tomorrow," "Film Bazaar," and "Cine Mela"
<b>Accessibility and Inclusivity</b>	Venues equipped with ramps, braille signage, tactile pathways, and accessible facilities for persons with disabilities
<b>Significance</b>	Fosters cultural exchange, highlights regional voices in Indian cinema, promotes emerging talent, and strengthens India's international film industry
<b>Historical Background</b>	Founded in 1952, IFFI is one of Asia's premier film festivals. Accredited by the International Federation of Film Producers' Associations (FIAPF) and has a long-standing reputation as a competitive international film festival.

**55th International Film Festival of India 2024**

Category	Details
Why in News	The 55th IFFI concluded in Goa, celebrating global and Indian cinema with a grand closing ceremony.
Theme	"Young Filmmakers: The Future is Now"
Venue	Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Goa
Duration	20th November 2024 – 28th November 2024
Golden Peacock (Best Film)	<i>Toxic</i> (Lithuania) - A coming-of-age narrative by Saulė Bliuvaitė.
Silver Peacock (Best Director)	Bogdan Muresanu ( <i>The New Year That Never Came</i> ) - Recognized for outstanding storytelling.
Silver Peacock (Best Actor - Male)	Clément Faveau ( <i>Holy Cow</i> ) - For portraying a transformative journey.
Silver Peacock (Best Actor - Female)	Vesta Matulytė & Ieva Rupeikaitė ( <i>Toxic</i> ) - Jointly awarded for exceptional performances.
Special Jury Award	Louise Courvoisier ( <i>Holy Cow</i> ) - Honored for creative excellence.
Best Debut Feature Film	Familiar Touch by Sarah Friedland - Celebrated for a remarkable debut.
Best Debut Director (Indian Feature)	Navjyot Bandiwadekar (Gharat Ganpati) - For outstanding storytelling in Marathi cinema.
ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal	Crossing by Levan Akin - Recognized for promoting peace, tolerance, and non-violence.
Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement	Phillip Noyce (Australia) - Honored for contributions to cinema.
Best Web Series (OTT)	Lampan (Sony Liv) - Directed by Nipun Dharmadhikari.
Indian Film Personality of the Year	Vikrant Massey - Recognized for his contributions to Indian cinema.





**Other Important Awards**

Here is a table summarizing the recent awards and recognitions:

Award Name	Award Winner	Key Notes
Harry Messel Award for Conservation Leadership	Bibhab Kumar Talukdar	Assam-based conservation scientist awarded by the IUCN's Species Survival Commission in Abu Dhabi.
A+ Grade in Central Bank Report Cards 2024	Shaktikanta Das	RBI Governor awarded by Global Finance for the second consecutive year in Washington, D.C.
ANR National Award 2024	Chiranjeevi	Honored by Amitabh Bachchan for lifetime contributions to Telugu cinema.
Best Sports League of the Year	Pro Kabaddi League (PKL)	Awarded at the CII Sports Business Awards 2024.
Honorary Officer of the Order of Fiji	Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar	Fiji's highest civilian award presented in recognition of his contributions.
Generational Legacy Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Indian Economy	Wagh Bakri Tea Group	Presented by Hurun India for the group's impact on the Indian economy.
AFC President's Recognition Award for Grassroots Football (Silver)	All India Football Federation (AIFF)	Awarded for grassroots football development at the AFC Annual Awards in Seoul.
Best Companies for Women in India (BCWI) 2024	DBS Bank India	Recognized for the ninth consecutive year for gender equity and diversity by Avtar and Seramount.
AFI Life Achievement Award	Francis Ford Coppola	To be awarded at Dolby Theatre, Hollywood in April 2025 for his lifetime achievements in film.
Education Leader of the Year	Kunal Dalal	- Managing Director of JBCN Education. - Recognized at the Education World India School Ranking Awards 2024-2025 for visionary leadership in international schools.
Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award	Phillip Noyce	- Veteran Australian filmmaker. - Honored at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
ICC Players of the Month (October 2024)	Amelia Kerr (New Zealand) & Noman Ali (Pakistan)	- Amelia Kerr: All-rounder from New Zealand. - Noman Ali: Spinner from Pakistan.
Booker Prize for Fiction	Samantha Harvey	- Won for her novel "Orbital," set on the International Space Station (ISS).
Dominica Award of Honour	Narendra Modi	- Recognized by Dominica for contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Best Film (Constellation Feature Film Competition)	The Fable (Directed by Raam Reddy)	- Starred Manoj Bajpayee. - Won at the 38th Leeds International Film Festival for its unique storytelling and magical realism.
Airport Excellence Awards	GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL)	- Recognized globally at the Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024 for excellence.
Rohini Nayar Prize	Anil Pradhan	Recognizing his impactful contributions to rural development in India. Known for his dedication to empowering rural communities, Pradhan's work has brought positive change and opportunities to underserved areas.
<b>Grand Commander of the Order of Niger</b>	Prime Minister <b>Shri Narendra Modi</b>	Awarded the prestigious " <b>Grand Commander of the Order of Niger</b> " by H.E. <b>Mr. Bola Ahmed Tinubu</b> , President of Nigeria, at the <b>State House</b> . This honor recognizes Modi's <b>visionary leadership, transformative governance</b> , and his significant efforts in strengthening <b>India-Nigeria relations</b> and supporting the aspirations of the <b>Global South</b> .







Award Name	Award Winner	Key Notes
73rd Miss Universe	Victoria Theilvig Kjaer	At the <b>73rd Miss Universe</b> pageant in <b>Mexico</b> , <b>Victoria Kjaer Theilvig</b> from <b>Denmark</b> made history by becoming the country's first-ever <b>Miss Universe</b> . The <b>21-year-old</b> from <b>Søborg</b> outshone <b>125 contestants</b> , including <b>India's Rhea Singha</b> . The <b>first runner-up</b> was <b>Chidimma Adetshina</b> from <b>Nigeria</b> , and the <b>second runner-up</b> was <b>Maria Fernanda Beltran</b> from <b>Mexico</b> .
Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development for 2023	Daniel Barenboim	The <b>Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development</b> for 2023 was awarded to <b>Daniel Barenboim</b> , a renowned pianist and conductor, and <b>Ali Abu Awwad</b> , a Palestinian peace activist, on <b>November 19, 2024</b> . The prestigious award honors their exceptional contributions to promoting <b>peace</b> and <b>non-violence</b> .
Green World Environment Award 2024	Coal India Limited (CIL)	<b>Green World Environment Award 2024</b> in the <b>CSR</b> category and was named <b>Green World Ambassador</b> . This recognition highlights CIL's commitment to <b>sustainability</b> and <b>social welfare</b> , acknowledging its balance between industrial operations and environmental contributions.
Miss Charm India 2024 title	Shivangi Desai	<b>Shivangi Desai</b> , a <b>22-year-old</b> final-year law student at the Indian Law School (ILS) Pune, has made India proud by winning the prestigious <b>Miss Charm India 2024 title</b> . Representing India at Miss Charm 2024 in Vietnam this December.
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Global Peace Award for Minority Upliftmen	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	<b>Prime Minister Narendra Modi</b> was honored in absentia with the ' <b>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Global Peace Award for Minority Upliftment</b> ' for his contributions to <b>inclusive development</b> and <b>minority welfare</b> .
Special Appreciation Medal	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's 'One Health' Pavilion	The <b>Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's 'One Health' Pavilion</b> at the <b>43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF)</b> in <b>New Delhi</b> was awarded a <b>Special Appreciation Medal</b> for its innovative design and impactful presentation of India's <b>healthcare initiatives</b> .

**Awards & Recognition of October 2024**

**NOBEL PRIZE**

**The Nobel Prize winner list 2024**

Winner's Name	Category	Topic
John J. Hopfield (US) and Geoffrey E. Hinton (Canada)	Physics	"for foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks"
David Baker (US) and Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper (London)	Chemistry	"for computational protein design" and "for protein structure prediction"
Victor Ambros (US) and Gary Ruvkun (US)	Medicine	"for the discovery of microRNA and its role in post-transcriptional gene regulation"
Han Kang (South Korea)	Literature	"for her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life"
Nihon Hidankyo (Japan)	Peace	"for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that nuclear weapons must never be used again"
Daron Acemoglu (Turkish-American), Simon Johnson (British-American) and James A. Robinson (American-British)	Economics	"for studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity"





**70th National Film Awards (2022) Ceremony**

Award Category	Winner
Best Feature Film	Aattam (The Play)
Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	Kantara
Best Feature Film Promoting National, Social, and Environmental Values	Kutch Express
Best Film in AVGC	Brahmastra Part 1: Shiva
Best Debut Film of a Director	Fouja
Best Direction	Sooraj Barjatya for Unchai
Best Actor in a Leading Role	Rishab Shetty for Kantara
Best Actress in a Leading Role	Nithya Menen for Thiruchitrabalam (Tamil)
	Manasi Parekh for Kutch Express (Gujarati)
Best Actor in a Supporting Role	Pavan Raj Malhotra for Fouja (Haryanvi)
Best Actress in a Supporting Role	Neena Gupta for Uunchai (Hindi)
Best Child Artist	Sreepathy for Malikappuram (Malayalam)
Best Male Playback Singer	Arijit Singh for "Kesariya" from Brahmastra Part 1: Shiva (Hindi)
Best Female Playback Singer	Bombay Jayashri for Saudi Vell
Dadasaheb Phalke Award	Mithun Chakraborty
Best Film	Ponniyin Selvan I
Best Film Composer	AR Rahman for Ponniyin Selvan I

**IIFA Awards 2024**

Category	Winner	Film/Contribution
Best Film	"Animal"	Directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga
Best Actor	Shah Rukh Khan	"Jawan"
Best Actress	Rani Mukerji	"Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway"
Best Director	Vidhu Vinod Chopra	"12th Fail"
Best Supporting Actor	Anil Kapoor	"Animal"
Best Supporting Actress	Shabana Azmi	"Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani"
Best Actor in Negative Role	Bobby Deol	"Animal"
Best Story	"Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani"	-
Best Story (Adapted)	"12th Fail"	-
Best Music	"Animal"	-
Best Lyrics	Siddharth-Garima	"Satranga" from "Animal"
Best Singer Male	Bhupinder Babbal	"Arjan Valley" from "Animal"
Best Singer Female	Shilpa Rao	"Chaleya"
Outstanding Contribution to Indian Cinema	Jayantilal Gada, Hema Malini	-
Achievement on completing 25 years in cinema	Karan Johar	-

**Awards in Arts & Culture / Films**

Award Name	Award Winner	Field	Key Notes
Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award	Mithun Chakraborty	Indian Cinema	Presented for his lifetime contribution to Indian cinema. Announced by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. He was 54th recipient of this award. Scheduled presentation: 8th October 2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Honored with Padma Bhushan in 2024.





**Other Important Awards**

Award Name	Award Winner	Field	Key Notes
2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize	Alexander Dunn	Mathematics	Awarded for significant work in analytic number theory, specifically his collaboration on the Kummer-Patterson Conjecture. To be presented at SASTRA University, Thanjavur, 20-22 December 2024.
2024 IACP 40 Under 40 Award	Pritpal Kaur	-	Selected by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Kaur is the only Indian recipient for 2024. Award ceremony in Boston, USA on 22nd October 2024.
Lifetime Achievement Award	MK Stalin	Human Resource Management	Awarded by Asia HRD Academy for contributions to HR. Presented by Fahmi Jowder and Mohamed Waheed Hassan Manik in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
SEEMS Platinum Award	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport	Airport Sector	Managed by Adani Airport Holdings Limited, SVPI won the award in the Facility category at SEEM Awards in New Delhi.
IFFI 2024 Honors Australia's Rich Film Legacy			The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is proud to announce Australia as the "Country of Focus" for the 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
UNHCR's Nansen Refugee Award	Sister Rosita Milesi	-	Honored for nearly four decades of championing refugee rights in Brazil. Ceremony held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 14th October 2024.

**Important Recognitions**

List Name	Details
Hurun India Under-35 List	Features young entrepreneurs including Isha Ambani (Reliance Retail), Parita Parekh (Toddle), and Ghazal Alagh (Mamaearth).
5th National Water Awards 2023	Presented by President Droupadi Murmu on 22nd October 2024. Top award: Odisha for Best State. Key district winners include Visakhapatnam (South), Dhalai (North-East), Banda & Ganderbal (North), Indore (West), and Balangir (East).
Forbes India's 100 Richest List	Topped by Mukesh Ambani (USD 119.5 billion), followed by Gautam Adani (USD 116 billion) and Savitri Jindal (USD 43.7 billion).
Central Bank Report Cards 2024	RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das awarded an 'A+' grade, shared with central bankers from Denmark and Switzerland.
ICC Hall of Fame	Inductees: Neetu David (India), AB de Villiers (South Africa), and Sir Alastair Cook (England).
Fortune 100 Most Powerful Women in Business 2024	Topped by Mary Barra. The 27th edition includes business leaders across six continents and 14 industries.
CII Awards	Pro Kabaddi League Wins 'Best Sports League'

**Other Awards**

S.No.	Name of Award	Winner
1	SASTRA Ramanujan Prize	Alexander Dunn
3	for Biodiversity 2024	Vera Voronova, Ysabel Agustina Calderón
4	Honorary Doctorate in Political Science	President Droupadi Murmu
5	Femina Miss India 2024	Nikita Porwal
6	V&A Illustration Awards - Emerging Illustrator	Aditi Anand
7	National Kishore Kumar Award	Rajkumar Hirani





S.No.	Name of Award	Winner
8	2024 Patrick J. McGovern Awards	Narayana Murthy
9	International Astronautical Federation (IAF) World Space Award	Dr. S. Somanath
10	Prestigious 2024 Humanitarian Award	Mohanji
11	Jury Member for ALT EFF 2024	Dia Mirza
12	Richest City Globally for Sovereign Wealth Funds	Abu Dhabi
13	SHRM HR Excellence Awards	Steel Authority of India Limited
14	Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award	Darasing Khurana
15	Global Anti-Racism Championship Award	Urmila Chaudhary
16	Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought	María Corina Machado and Edmundo González
17	Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought is the highest human rights honor	Soviet physicist and dissident Andrei Sakharov
18	Harry Messel Award for Conservation Leadership	Bibhab Kumar Talukdar
19	A+ grade in the Central Bank Report Cards 2024	Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das
20	ANR National Awards 2024	Actor Chiranjeevi
21	Honourary Officer of the Order of Fiji	Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
22	Best Companies for Women in India'	DBS Bank India
23	Francis Ford Coppola	AFI Life Achievement Award
24	Adarsh Karmayogi Awards	Mission Karmayogi National Program and its related activities during the Karmayogi Saptah
25	Venezuelan Opposition Leaders Awarded EU Parliament's Human Rights Honor	The European Parliament has awarded its prestigious Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to Venezuelan opposition leaders María Corina Machado and Edmundo González.

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**Previous Year Awards & Recognition Questions from All Bank Exams Questions**

**Q1. Michelle Bachelet has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development for 2024. Which country is she associated with? (December 2024)**

- (a) Argentina
- (b) Chile
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Peru
- (e) Mexico

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Michelle Bachelet is associated with **Chile**.

**About the Award:**

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development honors individuals or organizations working towards international peace, development, and fostering disarmament.

The prize is named after former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and includes a monetary award and a citation.

**About Michelle Bachelet:**

Former President of Chile and a global advocate for human rights, peace, and gender equality.

Served as the founding director of UN Women and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Known for championing the rights of vulnerable populations both domestically and globally.

**Award Announcement:**

The award was decided by an international jury chaired by Shivshankar Menon, former National Security Adviser of India.

Recognizes her contributions to global peace and human rights.

**Q2. Which country was highlighted as the focus country during the 30th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) held in December 2024?**

- (a) Japan
- (b) Italy
- (c) Spain
- (d) France
- (e) Germany

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** France was the focus country for the 30th Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF), showcasing its cinematic heritage and excellence.

**Event Details**

The festival took place from December 5 to 11, 2024. A total of 175 films from 29 countries were screened across 20 venues in Kolkata.

**Focus on French Cinema**

21 French films were featured, including works by women directors, classics, short films, and documentaries.

This spotlight aimed to celebrate France's contributions to global cinema and promote cultural exchange.

**Q3. What is the prize money awarded to the winner of the International Booker Prize?**

- (a) £25,000
- (b) £40,000
- (c) £50,000
- (d) £75,000
- (e) £100,000

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The **International Booker Prize** awards a prize money of **£50,000** to the winner.

This prestigious literary award recognizes outstanding works of fiction translated into English and celebrates the talent of both authors and translators.

The prize money is **shared equally between the author and the translator**, emphasizing the importance of translation in global literature.

**Q4. Under how many categories were the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2024 conferred?**

- (a) Three
- (b) Four
- (c) Five
- (d) Six
- (e) Seven





**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2024 were conferred **under five categories.**

**Award Categories:**

1. Government Process Re-Engineering.
2. Application of Emerging Technologies for Citizen-Centric Services.
3. District-level initiative in e-Governance.
4. Research on Citizen-Centric Services by Academic & Research Institutions.
5. Replication of Top Technological Solutions/ initiatives.

**Award Components:** Each award includes a trophy, certificate, and monetary incentive (Rs 10 lakh for Gold Awardees, Rs 5 lakh for Silver Awardees) to support project implementation or bridge resource gaps for public welfare initiatives.

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**Q5. Who won the Golden Lotus (Swarna Kamal) award for Best Direction for a Hindi film at the 70th National Film Awards for the year 2022?**

- (a) Vivek Agnihotri
- (b) Sooraj R. Barjatya
- (c) R. Madhavan
- (d) Sanjay Leela Bhansali
- (e) Prashanth Neel

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Sooraj R. Barjatya** won the Golden Lotus (Swarna Kamal) award for Best Direction at the 70th National Film Awards for the Hindi film **Uunchai (Zenith)**. The Best Direction award includes the Swarna Kamal trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 3,00,000.

The National Film Awards honor outstanding contributions to Indian cinema across various categories, promoting excellence in the film industry. The award ceremony was held on October 8, 2024, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, with President Droupadi Murmu presenting the awards.

**Q6. Consider the following statements regarding the Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards:**

1. The awards were instituted in 1961 as part of the Ashoka Chakra series of Gallantry awards.
  2. The Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak is awarded for courage in saving life under circumstances of grave bodily injury to the rescuer.
  3. The awards can be conferred posthumously and are open to persons of either sex in all walks of life.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, and 3
- (e) 1 only

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Statements 1 and 3 are correct.**

The **Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards** were instituted in 1961 and are part of the Ashoka Chakra series (Statement 1).

These awards can be given **posthumously** and are open to all persons regardless of gender (Statement 3).

**Statement 2 is incorrect**, as the **Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak** is awarded for **conspicuous courage** in saving life under **very great danger**, not just grave bodily injury, which pertains to the **Jeevan Raksha Padak**.

**Q7. Which Indian public sector company was recently awarded the "Outstanding PSU of the Year" at the All India Management Association (AIMA) Managing India Awards, presented by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar?**

- (a) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- (b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- (d) Steel Authority of India (SAIL)
- (e) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** received the "Outstanding PSU of the Year" award at the All India Management Association (AIMA) Managing India Awards ceremony.





**Overview:**

The award was conferred by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on April 23, 2024, in Delhi.

HAL reported the highest-ever revenue from operations, exceeding ₹29,810 crore for the financial year ending March 31, 2024, reflecting a double-digit growth of around 11%.

Established in 1957, AIMA is India's apex body for the management profession and aims to support leadership and managerial excellence in the country.

**Q8. Rezwana Choudhury Bannya, the founding chair of the Department of Dance at a university and the founder of the music school "Shurer Dhara" in Dhaka, received the Padma Shri award for her contributions in which field?**

- (a) Literature
- (b) Social Work
- (c) Art
- (d) Science and Technology
- (e) Sports

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Rezwana Choudhury Bannya** received the **Padma Shri** award for her outstanding contributions to the field of **art**.

She is a renowned figure in the music industry and runs the music school "Shurer Dhara" in Dhaka, in addition to her work in the university's Department of Dance.

**Overview- Padma Shri Awards:**

**Established:** The **Padma Awards** were instituted in **1954**.

**Frequency:** Awarded annually on **Republic Day** (January 26).

**Nomination Process:** Nominations are made by the government, with contributions reviewed by a committee.

**Posthumous Awards:** Can be awarded posthumously in rare cases.

**Exclusions:** These awards are not for those serving in positions of profit or officials holding government posts.



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